This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

Legislative Council. 29th September, 1903.

Hon. Mr. Twomey.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT LIMITATION AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

Title. 1. Short Title. 2. Repeal. No order for committal against judgment debtor in certain cases.

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend "The Imprisonment for Debt Limitation Act, Title. 1900."

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand 5 in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Imprisonment for Short Title. Debt Limitation Amendment Act, 1903"; and it shall be read with and form part of "The Imprisonment for Debt Limitation

2. Section three of "The Imprisonment for Debt Limitation Repeal. Act, 1900," is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:--

"Except in any of the cases mentioned in section three of the No order for 15 principal Act, or where the debt was incurred by fraud, no order of committal against judgment debtor in committal to prison for non-payment of a judgment debt, or of any certain cases. instalment thereof, shall be made if the debtor proves to the satisfaction of the Court that, after providing for the reasonable maintenance of himself and his family, he has not since the date of the 20 judgment had sufficient money to pay the debt, or that he has not since the date of any order to pay the debt by instalments had sufficient money to pay any such instalment:

"Provided that no such order of committal shall be made where the judgment creditor is a person, firm, or company whose business 25 is that of collecting or recovering debts, unless the Court is satisfied that the judgment debt was incurred to the judgment creditor directly, and was not acquired by assignment from the original creditor."